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SUBJ: FURTHER COMMENT ON ATTACKS ON AMBASSADOR BY SENATOR WILLIAM  
BROWN

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1. SUMMARY: SENATOR BROWN'S RECENT ATTACKS ON AMBASSADOR ARE  
NO LONGER  
THE LEAD NEWS ITEM, BUT BROWN CONTINUES TO MAKE INCREASINGLY WILD  
CHARGES, WHICH ATTRACT PRESS INTEREST. LATEST BROWN CHARGES  
ALLEGED AMERICAN CIA PLOT TO GET BROWN INTO COMPROMISING SITUATION  
WITH HIS SECRETARY. BROWN SAID HE WOULD ADDRESS PUBLIC RALLY  
IN MELBOURNE, JULY 4, WHERE HE WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE FURTHER  
CHARGES. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONTINUES TO RIDICULE BROWN. PRIME  
MINISTER WHITLAM DISCUSSED CASE BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR JUNE 28  
(SEPTTEL). DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS HAS DECLINED COMMENT.  
END SUMMARY.

2. MEDIA ATTENTION TO THE SENATOR HAS BEGUN TO DECLINE AFTER HAVING  
BEEN A LEAD ITEM IN NEWS PAST 2 DAYS. HOWEVER, IN A COMMENT  
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TO THE MEDIA IN MELBOURNE JUNE 27 SENATOR BROWN ALLEGED THAT U.S.

INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WOULD TRY TO DISCREDIT HIM, USING AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, IF NECESSARY. HE SAID, "THEY WILL PROBABLY TRY TO GET ME INTO A COMPROMISING SITUATION WITH MY SECRETARY, BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN." (PRESS PHOTO OF HIS DOG-FACED SECRETARY SUGGESTS CIA WILL HAVE TOUGH JOB.)

3. IN LATER COMMENTS TO PRESS JUNE 27 SENATOR BROWN ALLEGED THERE WERE AIRSTRIPS IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA THAT WOULD TAKE B-52'S AND SUGGESTED THERE WERE TACIT AGREEMENTS UNDER WHICH USAF COULD USE THESE AIRFIELDS. BROWN ALSO SAID HE WOULD ADDRESS A RALLY IN MELBOURNE'S CITY SQUARE ON JULY 4. HE THEN SWITCHED ATTACK TO AMERICAN INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD USE ANY MEANS, FOUL OR FAIR, TO BRING DOWN THE LABOR GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE HAD NO QUARREL WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE OR WITH AMBASSADOR GREEN BUT RATHER OPPOSED WHAT AMBASSADOR GREEN STOOD FOR. HE NOTED EXCESSIVELY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN CIA AND ASIO AND BETWEEN ARMED SERVICES OF TWO COUNTRIES.

4. AN EDITORIAL IN THE MELBOURNE HERALD OF JUNE 27 COMMENTED THAT BROWN'S CHARGES COULD NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. HOWEVER, IT ADDED, "WILL OTHERS, ESPECIALLY AMERICANS, NOW SEE CONFIRMED THEIR WORST FEARS ABOUT US -- THAT WE ARE ROUGH, RUDE YOKELS WHEN IT COMES TO THE BUSINESS OF CONDUCTING OURSELVES AMONG SELF-CONTROLLED NATIONS? SENATOR BROWN IS, AFTER ALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY. THE WORD 'SENATE' TO AMERICANS CONNOTES A SELECT, LEGISLATIVE BODY OF SERIOUS NATIONAL THINKERS. SENATOR BROWN HAS A RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH. HE HAS NO RIGHT TO RANK US WITH CHILE OR WITH SQUALID STATES OF ANARCH WHERE AMERICANS CAN PASS OFF SUCH OUTBURSTS WITH A TIRED CHUCKLE. HE HAS A DUTY TO BE PRECISE AND NOT TO BE PERSONAL, IN HIS PUBLIC NIGHTMARES ABOUT THE POWERS OF DARKNESS. IN OTHER WORDS, COME OFF IT, BILL."

5. IN EDITORIAL JUNE 28 (FOLLOWING UP ON AN ALREADY REPORTED EDITORIAL ON BROWN CHARGES OF JUNE 26) PRESTIGIOUS MELBOURNE AGE COMMENTED THAT "MOST PUZZLING FEATURE OF SENATOR BILL BROWN'S GRATUITOUS ATTACK ON THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA (MR. MARSHALL GREEN) IS NOT THE REASON FOR THE ATTACK ITSELF, BUT MR. WHITLAM'S FAILURE TO COMMENT ON IT AND TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT....HAVING ACCEPTED MR. GREEN'S CREDENTIALS, MR. WHITLAM SHOULD BE PREPARED NOW TO COME PUBLICLY TO HIS DEFENSE....BOTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE ALP (MR. HAWKE) AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER (MR. BARNARD) HAVE DISSOCIATED THEMSELVES AND THE PARTY FROM THE ATTACK. IT IS HIGH TIME MR. WHITLAM DID SO TOO, BEFORE THIS SMALL AFFAIR GETS OUT OF HAND."

6. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION JUNE 27 WITH OUR CONSUL IN BRISBANE, W.G. HAYDEN, MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER BROWN'S ATTACKS ON THE AMBASSADOR. HE COMMENTED

THAT BROWN MUST BE A MEGALOMANIAC AND COULD NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.  
HE ASKED THAT HIS VIEWS BE CONVEYED TO THE AMBASSADOR.

7. THUS FAR NEITHER PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM NOR DEPUTY PRIME  
MINISTER CAIRNS HAS COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON CHARGES BY SENATOR  
BROWN. PRIME MINISTER RAISED MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR AT SOCIAL  
FUNCTION JUNE 28 (SEPTTEL). CAIRNS IS KNOWN TO HAVE REFUSED  
COMMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.  
GREEN

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